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As with most things that are precious to life, or that protect life itself, humans requires a stiff penalty or price to pay in order to understand and respect the importance of it. For example, until stiff penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol were implemented, many people were harmed or killed in auto accidents because people didn't take the risk seriously enough. When not only the public, but also industry, are put in a position where they must pay adequately for what they use of a natural resource as intrinsic to life as water, then, and only then, will government policy see the resultant care and respect for this resource that they (and many concerned citizens) want to see.

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